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FOR SECRETARY

BERLIN FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BUNDESTAG PRESIDUM MEETING IN BERLIN

REF: (A) STATE 39402; (B) BONN 3162; (C) BONN3253

1. UK AMBASSADOR HENDERSON REQUESTED MEETING WITH MINISTER CASH (AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND IN BERLIN) A.M. FEBRUARY 28 ON URGENT BASIS TO DISCUSS US POSITION ON PROPOSED PRESIDUM MEETING IN BERLIN. HENDERSON SAID THAT SUBJECT OF FRG ACTIVITIES AND PRESENCE IN BERLIN HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN LONDON BY THE SECRETARY AND SIR ALEX AND THAT THE SECRETARY HAD AGREED THAT FRG WAS ACTING UNWISELY IN THIS AREA AND THAT RECENT FRG PROPOSALS WERE "PUSHING THE EXTREME LIMITS OF LEGALITY." THE FCO REPORT ALSO STATED THAT THE SECRETARY AND HOME AGREED A PERIOD OF QUIET ON BERLIN WAS NEEDED, THAT A PRIVATE WORD BY EACH WITH FONMIN SCHEEL WOULD BE USEFUL, AND THAT THE SECRETARY HAD INDIRECTLY PREPAREDNESS TO CONSIDER JOINT OR PARALLEL ALLIED REPRESENTATIONS TO
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FRG. HENDERSON THEN INDICATED THAT PRESENT US POSITION

ON PRESIDUM MEETING DID NOT SEEM TO BE CONSISTENT WITH
UK UNDERSTANDING OF THE SECRETARY'S VIEWS.

2. THE MINISTER STATED THAT EMBASSY HAD NOT YET
RECEIVED ACCOUNT OF LONDON MEETING BUT THERE DID NOT
APPEAR TO BE ANY NECESSARY CONFLICT BETWEEN UK REPORT
OF SECRETARY'S VIEWS AND CURRENT US POSITION ON
PRESIDIUM MEETING. MINISTER SAID WHAT REQUIRED NOW
WAS QUICK REPLY BY CHANCELLOR TO RINGER AND URGED
HENDERSON TO AGREE TO TEXT APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT
(REFTELS A AND B), WHICH HE DID.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEES CAN
PROVIDE ON RELEVANT PORTIONS SECRETARY-HOME DISCUSSION.
HILLENBRAND

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